

pending under section 77 of the Bankruptcy Act on November 4, 1979—

(1) is subject to review by the court only under sections 706(2)(A), 706(2)(B), 706(2)(C), and 706(2)(D) of title 5; and

(2) may not be stayed by the Commission.

**(d) Authority of bankruptcy court**

The authority of the bankruptcy court to authorize abandonments, sales, and transfers of lines of the Milwaukee Railroad shall be governed by the provisions of section 904 of this title, rather than the provisions of this section.

**(e) Effect on priorities and timing of employee protection payments**

Nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect the priorities or timing of payment of employee protection which might have existed in the absence of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 96-101, §17, Nov. 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 744; Pub. L. 97-468, title II, §213, Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2544.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 77 of the Bankruptcy Act, referred to in subsecs. (a), (b)(1), (3)(H)(i), and (c), was classified to section 205 of former Title 11, Bankruptcy. The Bankruptcy Act (act July 1, 1898, ch. 541, 30 Stat. 544, as amended) was repealed effective Oct. 1, 1979, by Pub. L. 95-598, §§401(a), 402(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2682, section 101 of which enacted revised Title 11. For current provisions relating to railroad reorganization, see subchapter IV (§1161 et seq.) of chapter 11 of Title 11.

Section 11347 of title 49, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (b)(1), was omitted in the general amendment of subtitle IV of Title 49, Transportation, by Pub. L. 104-88, title I, §102(a), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 804. Provisions similar to those in section 11347 are contained in section 11326(a) of Title 49.

AMENDMENTS

1983—Subsec. (b)(3), (4). Pub. L. 97-468 added par. (3) and redesignated former par. (3) as (4).

ABOLITION OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Interstate Commerce Commission abolished and functions of Commission transferred, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 104-88, to Surface Transportation Board effective Jan. 1, 1996, by section 1302 of Title 49, Transportation, and section 101 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 1301 of Title 49. References to Interstate Commerce Commission deemed to refer to Surface Transportation Board, a member or employee of the Board, or Secretary of Transportation, as appropriate, see section 205 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 1301 of Title 49.

**§ 916. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §328, Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 952**

Section, Pub. L. 96-101, §18, Nov. 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 746; Pub. L. 96-254, title I, §116, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 405, provided that this chapter be in lieu of directed service on any line of the Milwaukee Railroad with certain exceptions.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Jan. 1, 1996, see section 2 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1301 of Title 49, Transportation.

**§ 917. Applicability of National Environmental Policy Act**

The provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.] shall not apply

to transactions carried out pursuant to this chapter.

(Pub. L. 96-101, §19, Nov. 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 746.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Environmental Policy Act, referred to in text, probably means the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Pub. L. 91-190, Jan. 1, 1970, 83 Stat. 852, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 55 (§4321 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4321 of Title 42 and Tables.

**§ 918. Authority of Railroad Retirement Board**

(a) The Board may prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out its duties under this chapter.

(b) In carrying out its duties under this chapter, the Board may exercise such of the powers, duties, and remedies provided in subsections (a), (b), and (d) of section 362 of this title as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 96-101, §20, Nov. 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 746.)

**§ 919. Publications and reports**

(a) Within 30 days after November 4, 1979, the Board shall publish, and make available for distribution by the Milwaukee Railroad to all its employees, a document which describes in detail the rights of such employees under sections 907, 908, 909, 910,<sup>1</sup> and 911 of this title.

(b) During the 2-year period beginning on November 4, 1979, the Board shall submit a report to the Congress every 6 months describing its activities under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 96-101, §21, Nov. 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 746.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 909 of this title, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original "section 10", meaning section 10 of Pub. L. 96-101, Nov. 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 741. Subsecs. (a) to (g) of section 10 are classified to section 909 of this title. Subsec. (h) of section 10 amended section 231f(b)(7) of this title.

Section 910 of this title, referred to in subsec. (a), was repealed by Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1144(b), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 669.

**§ 920. Continuation of service**

(a) Until the occurrence of an event described in subsection (b) of this section, the Milwaukee Railroad (1) shall maintain its entire railroad system, as it existed on October 15, 1979, (2) shall continue no less than the regular level of service provided by it as of that date, and (3) shall not embargo traffic (other than when necessitated by acts of God or safety requirements) or abandon or discontinue service over any part of its railroad system.

(b) The Milwaukee Railroad shall comply with the requirements of subsection (a) of this section until—

(1) an employee or employee-shipper ownership plan is not submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission within the time period prescribed under section 905(a) of this title;

(2) the proposed plan is found by the Commission not to be feasible or the Commission does not act within 30 days;

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

(3) the proposed plan is found by the bankruptcy court not to be fair and equitable to the estate of the Milwaukee Railroad; or

(4) the plan is not implemented within the time period prescribed under section 905(c) of this title.

(Pub. L. 96-101, § 22, Nov. 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 746.)

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**§ 921. Office of Rail Public Counsel**

The Office of Rail Public Counsel may appear and be heard in the case in the bankruptcy court involving the reorganization of the Milwaukee Railroad, for purposes of representing affected shippers, localities, and municipalities with respect to the proposed abandonment of any line of the Milwaukee Railroad.

(Pub. L. 96-101, § 25, Nov. 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 747.)

**§ 922. Employee stock ownership plan for surviving portion of Milwaukee Railroad**

If an event described in section 920(b) of this title occurs, resulting in the survival of less than the entire Milwaukee Railroad system, then any relief provided for such surviving Milwaukee Railroad system under the Emergency Rail Services Act of 1970 [45 U.S.C. 661 et seq.] or any other Federal legislation shall be conditioned upon good faith efforts by the trustee or the Milwaukee Railroad, or both, to establish an employee stock ownership plan which shall embrace the purchase or acquisition of qualifying employer securities of the Milwaukee Railroad equal in value to 25 per centum of the amount of such relief provided.

(Pub. L. 96-101, § 26, Nov. 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 747.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Emergency Rail Services Act of 1970, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 91-663, Jan. 8, 1971, 84 Stat. 1975, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 15 (§ 661 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 661 of this title and Tables.

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**§ 1001. Congressional findings**

Congress hereby finds that—

(1) uninterrupted continuation of services over Rock Island lines is dependent on adequate employee protection provisions covering Rock Island Railroad employees who are not hired by other railroads;

(2) for those Rock Island Railroad employees not hired by other rail carriers, there is no other practicable means of obtaining funds to meet the necessary costs of such employee protection that are assumed by the Rock Island Railroad;

(3) a cessation of necessary operations of the Rock Island Railroad would have serious repercussions on the economies of the States in which such railroad principally operates; and

(4) premature cessation of services over lines which are the subject of pending purchase application would result in harm to the shipping public and could imperil continuation of vital commuter service.

(Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 102, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 399.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 101, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 399, provided that: "This title [enacting this chapter, amending sections 231f, 726, 825, 902, 911, 913, and 916 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note under this section] may be cited as the 'Rock Island Railroad Transition and Employee Assistance Act'."

SAVINGS PROVISION

Section 125, formerly § 124, of title I of Pub. L. 96-254, renumbered Pub. L. 96-448, title VII, § 701(a)(1), Oct. 14, 1980, 94 Stat. 1959, provided that: "If any provision of this title [see Short Title note above] or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this title and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby."

**§ 1002. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, the term—

(1) "bankruptcy court" means the court having jurisdiction over the reorganization of the Rock Island Railroad;

(2) "Board" means the Railroad Retirement Board;

(3) "Commission" means the Interstate Commerce Commission;

(4) "employee" includes any employee of the Rock Island Railroad as of August 1, 1979, but does not include any individual serving as president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, comptroller, counsel, member of the board of directors, or any other person performing such functions;

(5) the term "Rock Island Railroad" means the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company, the estate of such Company in its reorganization proceeding, or the trustee appointed in such proceeding; and